

BASS VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

MARCH 2nd DINNER MEETING AND AGM

ALL WELCOME

GUEST SPEAKER
JANE HENDTLASS
"DEAD MAN'S PENNY"



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Casey Cardinia Heritage Festival

“150 Stories from our Past”

Sunday 6 May 2018, 10am–3pm

Upper Beaconsfield Community Hall
10-12 Salisbury Road, Upper Beaconsfield

- Discover 150 stories of our local history.
- Explore the local history of your family or suburb.
- See displays and artefacts from local heritage and historical groups.
- Chat with local historians.
- Music throughout the day.
- Delicious snacks by the Upper Beaconsfield CWA.
- Local history book for purchase.

*Free entry.
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SEHA report 11/2/2018

Talks to Schools and Community Groups

November 14 - 'How we Honoured our Soldiers'. The Library hosted the State Library of Victoria's Great War Exhibition and held a number of talks in conjunction with the exhibition. I talked about the ways communities honoured their Great War soldiers - Avenues of Honour, Memorial Halls, Cenotaphs, Memorial gates etc. Only four people turned up, but that's fine.

November 16 - I did a talk on the history of Pakenham to 25 residents at McGregor Gardens Nursing Home at Pakenham.

December 5 - I went to St John the Baptist Catholic School in Koo Wee Rup and spoke to them about the history of Koo Wee Rup. 85 children from Grades 3 to 5. They were lovely kids.

December 6 - I did a talk at the Narre Warren Early Learning Centre on the history of Narre Warren. It wasn't a great success - the person I had organised it with wasn't there and they didn't know I was coming and I found it difficult adjusting my material to such young children, even with lots of photos. Never mind, one of the staff members who was sitting with me enjoyed it and she was very good at explaining some of the concepts to the kids.

February 2 - My first talk for 2018 was to Pakenham Probus Club on the history of Pakenham. They had 77 at the meeting, many of them I already knew, so it was fun.

Casey Cardinia Heritage Festival

May 5, 2018 is the 150th anniversary of the creation of the Shire of Berwick (Cranbourne Shire's 150th anniversary is February 24) so we have decided to hold our Heritage Festival on Sunday, May 6 to coincide with this milestone. The Festival theme is 'My Culture, My Story'. Our theme will be Stories of 150 years - and we will create 150 different stories of aspects of the history of Casey Cardinia region to create a time line. Each story will be around 150 words or so. The Festival venue will be the Upper Beaconsfield Hall.

Casey Cardinia Aerials

The City of Casey has digitised our 700 aerial photographs from the Archive. We are very excited about this as our area has changed so much over the past 30 years sometimes it is hard to believe that Narre Warren, Berwick, Cranbourne etc was once farm land. The aerials are from 1960 to about 1994, mainly cover the old City of Berwick but there are also some from the old Shire of Cranbourne.

Heather Arnold



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Cranbourne Shire Historical Society

Established 1968

ABN: 86659602533



Meetings: 4th Thursday of each month (Feb to Nov) at 8.00pm.
All correspondence to 13 Mickle Street, Tooradin, 3980. Telephone : 03 5998 3643.
New members welcome.

11/02/2018

- We were closed for the weeks around Christmas and New Year and the Museum had many visitors when it re-opened in January.
- Our first meeting since November will be held on February 22.
- We have booked a visit to the Tyabb Aircraft Museum on March 18.
- The City of Casey has continued its maintenance program with some weather boards being

Cranbourne Shire Historical Society

Event of April was of course the opening of the Cottage.

What an event, and what co-operation it called for.

The house was painted and swept, polished and garnished decorated and presented with pleasure and pride, as well it might have been.

Personal possessions and valuables were lent with generosity and willingness. Members gave of their energies to the garden, and scrubbed and cleaned and cleared, and they worked in harmony as only those determined to achieve a goal can do.

This Month (Thank You's" for donations and gifts are extended to Mrs Martin, Mrs Morrow, Mr W. Facey, Mr J. Lineham, Mrs Glasheen, Mr Aber, Mrs McGuinness, Mrs Graham, and each and every one who assisted, particularly our own members and Mr J. Faulkner.

replaced and repainted and some window frames being replaced. The Cottage is looking amazing.

- 2018 is our 50th anniversary and we are planning some celebrations. We will be interviewing foundation members, Kath Metherall and Derry Francis to get their memories of the Society.
- The original office bearers were – President: Doug Smith; Vice Presidents: Peggy Banks and Kath Metherall; Secretary: Jess Ayres.
Committee: Lionel Banks, Derry Francis, Jim Lineham and David Mickle. There is a report on the first public meeting of the Society overleaf.
- The report, left, from the *Koo Wee Rup Sun* of May 1, 1974 is about the opening of the Sportsman's Rest Cottage Museum on the Foreshore at Tooradin on March 31, 1974.

Cranbourne Shire Historical Society

The Cranbourne Shire Historical Society turns 50 this year. Here is a report from the *Koo Wee Rup Sun* of October 9, 1968 of the first public meeting of the Society held at the Tooradin Public Hall.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY HEAD AT TOORADIN MEETING

The president of the Royal Historical Society of Victoria, Mr. L. J. Blake, B. A., (I. Ed. M.A.C.E. was guest speaker at the first public meeting of the recently formed, Cranbourne Shire Historical Society at the Tooradin Hall on Monday 4th October.

The author of seven books, Mr. Blake, a most accomplished speaker, congratulated the local residents on the formation of the Society in the area, sparked off by the recent centenary of the Shire of Cranbourne.

The newly formed local society becomes one of 98 similar bodies throughout Victoria. Mr. Blake pointed out the great upsurge of interest in the investigation and preservation of Australian history in recent years, as indicated by the fact that in 1958 there were 8 affiliated Historical Societies in Victoria and in 1968 the figure of 98.

In the absence of the Shire President, Cr. E. Marriott, the meeting was chaired by Cr. G. Dore, who introduced the newly elected Cranbourne Shire Historical Society President, Mr. Doug Smith.

In extending a welcome to those present, Mr.

Smith said how pleased he was to see the large crowd of just on 40 present. He specially welcomed Mr. Blake.

Two local ladies, who were instrumental in establishing the historical society in the Shire, Mrs Metherall and Mrs Banks explained the aims and objects of the society.

Mrs. Metherall said the need to have a focal point for the society and the recent availability of the picturesque cottage, "Sportsmen's Rest" on the Tooradin foreshore had prompted interest by residents to form the society and purchase the cottage.

The Cranbourne Council has granted \$3,000 towards the purchase price with the remainder of \$3,000 advanced on loan over three years, interest free.

Mr. Smith then introduced the president of the Dandenong Historical Society, Mr. Dave Mickle, and in doing so thanked

him for helping with the starting of the society.

Mr. Mickie briefly outlined the early history of the cottage, originally sold by William Lyall in 1875 to Matthew Evans, the man who surveyed Sawtell's Inlet. The cottage at that time stood on a ten acre block. Other residents in the cottage have included members of Fred Pooles family.

Serving his third term as president of the Royal Historical Society of Victoria, Mr. Blake outlined the various resources in studying local history. He also spoke on the government village settlements created in Victoria during the period 1893-1915.

It is interesting to note that Koowereup on Yallock was first settled in this way. Another local area, Red Hill near Drouin was settled in 1892 and the parents of Mr. H. G. Gee of Koowereup were amongst the first settlers.

This settlement started as a religious community effort organized by A. Tucker, a relation of Father Tucker of the Brotherhood of St. Lawrence.

Mr. Smith moved a vote of thanks to Mr. Blake, saying how much better informed they were as a result of his interesting talk.

Dandenong & District Historical Society Inc

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President: Chris Keys (Ms)

Important Notice about our meetings in 2018

All the DDHS meetings will be held at 39 Clow Street, Dandenong instead of the Dandenong Showgrounds.

Access to the building: Come to the rear of 39 Clow Street, marked Public Entrance. A volunteer will be on duty to let you in between 1.30 and 2.10pm. You will be directed to travel up to the First Floor by lift. The meeting will be conducted in a large meeting room near the lift.

Parking is free.

Sunday 18 February 2018 at 39 Clow Street at 2.00pm.

Guest Speaker: John Woolley - He will recall his memories of the Gartside and Max Curtin. He has a fascinating story to share about Ken Gartside and the Tooradin to French Island barge!

Sunday 15 April 2018 at 39 Clow Street at 2.00pm

Guest Speaker: Casey Neill - She is a journalist with the Dandenong Journal and will share her time in journalism. Casey is very supportive of the Dandenong & District Historical Society.

We hope to see you at our meetings. Your opportunity to visit the DDHS Rooms!

**Dromana & District Historical Society
invites you to an interesting evening
with guest speaker.**

Gerry Shepherd



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**At the Old Shire Offices,
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At 7pm

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KOO-WEE-RUP SWAMP HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC.

Established 1974

No. A0027576R

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Koo-Wee-Rup, 3981
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"Mallow" 1916

Meetings: 2nd Wednesday of each month (Feb to Dec) at 7.30pm. New members welcome.

11/2/2018

What's been happening at the Museum

- The Museum has been closed to the public since November as we have had to replace the floor in the passage way, the front bedroom and the kitchen of the original 1916 part of our Building. The front bedroom was especially bad, with most of the stumps, bearers and joists gone. The new floorboards will be stained soon, then the skirting boards can go back on.
- We are planning to repaint the rooms and Keith, our builder, suggested that we should get all the architraves stripped back - they are currently painted in a very ugly shade of brown but would have originally been stained.
- We also have a few issues with our down-pipes - they are too small and water pools under the floor and this was one of the reasons we needed the floor replaced.



Music on the Grass

We attended Music on the Grass on Sunday, November 19 at the old Koo Wee Rup Hospital. It was a pleasant day and the music was great and there were lots of people to talk to. We didn't sell any books, but it gave us an increased public presence. Bec Hance, the featured artist, grew up at Lang Lang and one of the songs she sang was called 'Yannathan Hall' a song she wrote about attending the old-time dances there when she was young.

Probus Club talk at Newhaven

I was asked to be guest speaker at the San Remo Probus Club on November 13. They meet at Newhaven Public Hall and are a very lively group. There was about 50 members present.

Christmas Break-up report

21 people attended our Christmas breakup on December 13, 2017. It was a great evening. Jane Coupe led us in singing Christmas carols, she's very musical. We had a well supported raffle that raised about \$95.00. It was a pleasant end to a great year.



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Sunday 18th March, 2018 10am - 3pm
3310 Sth Gippsland Highway, Koo Wee Rup

**100 years RSL Display, Victorian Police Pipe Band,
150 years Shetland Ponies, Highland Cattle,
Grand Parade, Contingent of the Great War Association,
Navy Cadet Drummers, Traditional Dancers,
Vintage Cars, Competitions, Food, Fun and much more.**

Entry: \$12 adult, \$10 concession, \$5 child, \$25 family of 4

For more information please contact Ron Ingram 0409959821 or Joyce Mills 5997 1571



Mornington & District Historical Society

February 2018

Happy New Year to All and hope you all have a successful and rewarding year.

My apologies to you all, I was amongst the missing last year due mainly due to illness, and finding someone to replace me continues to be a problem. So I intended to start this year off well, but have to give my apologies for the February meeting as I am due to go to hospital on Monday. But things should improve.

Mornington & District Historical Soc. at least started the year off with great success when the Society was awarded Event of the Year for the Memorial ceremony held in May, 2016 to honour the 125th Anniversary of The Football Disaster in the Mornington Shire's Australia Day Award.

It was a great day, I hope some of you were able to attend, the 200 plus who came along had nothing but praise for the day and Local member Chris Crewther M.P. rose in Parliament and told of his honour in being invited and congratulated the Society on a magnificent day. So we are down in Hansard as well.

I think we will take the rest the year off after all that, probably not.

We are having an outing on March 20th if anyone cares to join us you are quite welcome. We meet at the Ferry Terminal at Queenscliff for the 10am Ferry and walk aboard to enjoy scones, jam and cream. On the other side we are booked for a tour of the Maritime Museum and after lunch home again via the ferry.

Cost \$35. Please contact me if interested.

We had a steady stream of people through the Museum over the holiday season, but Australia Day is not the successful day it used to be. The Parade now starts about 4.30, 4.45, so we have abandoned our once very successful fund raiser, the Australia Day book sale as there are very few people around during the day.

From all of us here we wish you all a great year and hope to catch up with you all soon.

Val Wilson, Mornington & District Historical Society



North Warren & District Family History Group Inc.

Inc. No. A0023666M ABN 15 397 153 919

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**They answered the call:
a World War 1 Walk in Cranbourne Cemetery**

Where: Cranbourne Cemetery
Corner Sladen Street and Cemetery Road, Cranbourne

When: Sunday, 22 April 2018 at 10 am

Cost: \$5 per person paid on the day
Bookings are essential.

Contact:: Jane Rivett-Carnac - cemetery.tours@nwfhg.org.au
Lyne McGregor - correspondence@nwfhg.org.au

Our latest cemetery book will be available for purchase on the day



Springvale and District Historical Society Inc.

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Reg No. A0015243F ABN 40 286 680 605

SEHA Quarterly Meeting to be held on Sunday, February 11th 2018
at the Berwick Mechanics Institute Library.

We hope that everyone had a very Happy New Year. Now it is back the hard work that we all put in and then some.

We were sorry to hear the passing of the lovely Cherry McFee from Phillip Island, some of you did not know Cherry for very long but she worked tirelessly for both the SEHA and Phillip Island and will be sadly missed.

Over the last few months of 2017 we have been moved from Hillcrest Grove to Morwell Parade Springvale, all of the large things have gone to Hammond Road Archives, the paper work has come to Morwell Pde.

This is going to be interesting finding things that are asked for our first problem is where are the donation forms.

When moving remember that you must ask a lot of questions, like the phone, power, gas, water and mail.

If you are interested to see what we now have please feel free to contact me on phone 03 9547 6701 and I will arrange a visit.

We are suppose to be here until early to mid 2020 and then into the new Springvale Community Hub with our own room with our bits and pieces around us. But as you know councils can be a bit slow and held up in doing things.

Please note that all post is to be sent to 35 Stuart Street, Noble Park 3174. I have put in a change of address that goes through until November 2018. You can still ring on our original land line and I will get back to you or ring me at home on 03 9547 6701 after 3.00pm as I still work.

Final note our President received the City of Greater Dandenong Community Hall of Fame Award

Regards

Robyn Robie - SEHA Delegate.

Postal Address – 35 Stuart Street Noble Park 3174

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**Secretary's report for the General Meeting
held on Sunday February 11, 2018
hosted by the Berwick Mechanics' Institute**

Correspondence received since the November 2017 meeting

- Bass Valley Historical Society flyer - Dinner Meeting 1/9/2017
- Brighton Cemeterians *The Cemeterian* December 2017, March 2018
- Casey Cardinia Heritage Festival flyer 6/5/18
- Chelsea & District Historical Society newsletter February 2018
- Dandenong & District Historical Society Meeting dates for 2018
- Dromana & District Historical Society flyer - Gerry Shepherd talk 20/2/18
- Frankston Historical Society newsletter November/December 2017
- Friends of Cheltenham & Regional Cemeteries *Raves from the Graves* December 2017
- Hastings Western Port Historical Society newsletter December 2017, flyer for February Morning Coffee meeting
- Heritage Hill Dandenong Exhibitions information
- Koo-Wee-Rup Swamp Historical Society newsletter December 2017, February 2018
- Lang Lang & District Historical Society *Spirit of Lang Lang* book
- Mornington & District Historical Society newsletter November 2017
- Narre Warren and District Family History Group newsletter *Spreading Branches* November 2017, February 2018
- Nepean Historical Society newsletter *The Nepean* December 2017
- Rye Historical Society newsletter *White Cliffs* January – March 2018
- Somerville Tyabb and District Heritage Society newsletter December 2017
- Wonthaggi and District Historical Society newsletter *The Plod* November 2017

Outgoing correspondence since the November 2017 meeting

- Reports and Minutes; emails re February meeting



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STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE 4 MONTH PERIOD ENDED JANUARY 31ST 2018

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Subscriptions	\$400.00	Hosting Society	\$100.00
Term Deposit Interest	\$ 93.60	Consumer Affairs	\$ 56.90
TOTAL INCOME	\$493.60	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	\$156.90
Excess Income over Expenditure		Closing Balance:	\$336.70
Opening Bank Balances:		\$8,482.11	
Bendigo Bank (633-000 125844373)	\$8,388.51		
Bendigo Bank (633-000 125844233)	\$ 815.08		
TOTAL	\$9,203.59		
Change in Balances			\$ 336.70

Philip Harris  Dated 31/1/18
Treasurer


Nepean
Ferenc. Rosso